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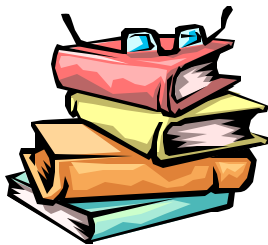
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works! TRY IT!!**

Now that you are no longer novice computer users, I'd like to use this space to discuss web sites I think will help you in your day-to-day work. Our first site will be "Bartleby.com: Great Books Online." which can be found on the Web at <<http://www.bartleby.com>>.

Each day they offer you a word with its correct pronunciation (in audio and print form) and a link to its definition in case it is new you. Today's word was "malentendu," needless to say I needed to follow the link to discover its meaning "a misunderstanding" and its etymology.

More important for you is the "Reference" menu in the upper right corner. It contains links to a large number of very useful books including:



- The complete Columbia Encyclopedia, Sixth Edition
- The New Dictionary of Cultural Literacy
- The World Factbook, 2002
- American Heritage® Dictionary of the English Language, Fourth Edition
- American Heritage® Book of English Usage
- Mencken's Language

- Roget's Thesauri, including Roget's II: The New Thesaurus, Third Edition and Roget's International Thesaurus of English Words and Phrases.
- A very good collection of quotations, including: Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, The Columbia World of Quotations, Simpson's Contemporary Quotations, and Respectfully Quoted: A Dictionary of Quotations.
- The Cambridge History of English and American Literature
- Gray's Anatomy of the Human Body
- Emily Post's Etiquette in Society in Business, in Politics and at Home
- An exhaustive collection of English Usage, Style & Composition, including: American Heritage® Book of English Usage, The Columbia Guide to Standard American English, Strunk's The Elements of Style, and Fowler's The King's English.
- On the Art of Writing by Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch
- Robert's Rules of Order
- Inaugural Addresses of the Presidents of the United States
- The World's Famous Orations

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Safe Haven™

I usually don’t use this publication to tout a product, except maybe Adobe Acrobat, but Safe Haven™ Technology is beta testing a product you should know about because camera phones pose a serious risk to personal privacy, client confidentiality, corporate espionage and a variety of other bad things.

‘Safe Haven™’ “is a pioneering technology that addresses the issues surrounding the misuse of camera phones and other wireless devices, within certain areas. This technology is ‘patent pending’ in the UK and the US.”¹

Their website explains what it is and why it is important better than I could, thus I am reproducing it here for you with their permission.

“Technology advancements have allowed internet enabled, small portable devices (camera phones, PDA’s, MP3) capable of still/video imaging and data download, to proliferate. Unfortunately, whilst having many legitimate and enabling uses the technology can also be put to illegitimate uses. Specifically, where camera phones are concerned illegal uses include surreptitious photography/filming without the subject’s permission, corporate theft by taking images of confidential documents or videoing private conversations, copyright contravention and with regard to PDA/MP3, download of confidential information. All of these surreptitious methods of taking images/data can be uploaded wirelessly to the Internet within seconds, multiplying issues expeditiously. It is widely predicted

that the sale of camera phones alone, will reach over 900 million globally, in the next four years.

Media coverage on these issues has been widespread, globally. An ITN special report in January confirmed that such devices had been prohibited from certain schools and leisure centres nationally amidst fears of paedophilia. Other reports state that some UK Government buildings and corporations are also banning such devices. Abroad, the Raffles Hotel chain has again forbidden the use of such camera phones due to infringement of privacy rights in its gyms, whilst the country of Saudi Arabia has outlawed these camera phones in their entirety, nationwide. Just recently, China confirmed its grave concerns about the devices, stating that it too was considering a nationwide ban; the country of China constituting a quarter of the world’s population. Naturally, handset manufacturers like Nokia and Sony Ericsson stand to lose billions of pounds globally, if such prohibition is imposed. Closer to home, when questioned about such bans, David Sparks, Chief Executive of the Amateur Sports Association, said: “I really can’t see any other way around tackling the situation”.

... Iceberg Systems (IS) embarked on research and development programme to address the above issues and a ‘way to tackle the situation’. Called ‘Safe Haven™’, the technology comprises of a facility that intermittently sends a signal announcing its presence. If a portable imaging/data device is in receipt of

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the signal, it “knows” it is in a “Safe Haven TM” area and the imaging device is disabled. Once out of range of the ... signals the portable image/data device [will work]. In broad terms, the technology has the ability to control the use of said devices

within a restricted area, whether it be a school, leisure centre, corporation and so on, creating a so called ‘wireless privacy zone’.

This technology is applicable globally.”²

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ABA Guidelines

The ABA guidelines for legal websites are listed below in brief form due to space restraints, readers should refer to the website <<http://www.elawyering.org/tools/practices.shtml>> for the complete guidelines and comments.

“The goal of these guidelines is to promote the development of quality legal web sites and to provide guidance to legal web site developers.

The purpose of the guidelines is to establish “best practices” for both lawyers and other web site providers who offer legal information, documents and other services to the public...”⁴

An increasing number of sites on the web provide legal information. Government departments, non-profit community organizations, private companies, educational institutions, individuals, and law firms publish sites. Users of these sites have varying levels of knowledge of the law and the Internet. Therefore, it is essential that legal web sites providers give users sufficient information to make assessments about the accuracy and the quality of the legal information that is published.³

1. To provide full and accurate contact information.
2. To provide the “dates on which the substantive content on their sites was prepared or last reviewed.”
3. To provide the jurisdiction “if the legal content is clearly state-specific.”
4. To provide their “users conspicuous notice that legal information does



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5. To provide “links to other resources that are likely to assist users with their problems.”
6. To provide, when appropriate, “links to relevant case law and legislation.”
7. To provide, where appropriate, “information on how and where to obtain legal advice and further information.”
8. “Providers should obtain permission to use content from other providers.”
9. “Sites should clearly and conspicuously provide users with information about the provider's terms and conditions of use.”
10. “Sites should clearly and conspicuously provide users with their privacy policies and policies on security of communications” ⁵

FOOTNOTES

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